IN THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:

1. (*Currently Amended*) A copying apparatus comprising:

an image input device that inputs an image signal read from an original;

an additional information reading device that reads additional information from the inputted image signal;

a file path information obtaining device that obtains file path information from the read additional information, the file path information addressing a location where an original file corresponding to the original is stored;

a search device that carries out a search for ~~an~~ the original file corresponding to the original based on the file path information obtained from the read additional information;

a copy output device that outputs a copy of the original using the original file found as a result of the search by said search device;

a display device that displays the file path information obtained from the read additional information ~~for editing the additional information~~;

an editing device that edits the displayed ~~additional~~ file path information;

a determining device that determines whether said search device found the original file based on the file path information obtained from the read additional information; and

a controller that prompts a user to correct the displayed ~~additional~~ file path information ~~using~~ with said editing device, and controls said search device to carry out the search for the original file ~~using~~ with the corrected ~~additional~~ file path information when said determining device determines that said search device did not find the original file based on the file path information obtained from the read additional information,

wherein said controller controls said copy output device to output the copy of the original file searched by said search device without ~~said display device~~ displaying the ~~additional~~ file path information ~~for editing~~ in said display device when said determining device determines that said search device found the original file based on the file path information obtained from the read additional information.

2. (*Currently Amended*) A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said controller determines that editing of the file path information obtained from the additional information by said editing device is possible when the original file has not been found as a result of the search by said search device.

3. (*Currently Amended*) A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said controller determines that the search for the original file by said search device is possible when editing of the file path information obtained from the additional information read from the inputted image signal is completed.

4. (*Original*) A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the copying apparatus is connected to at least one information processing apparatus via a network or a communication line, and wherein said search device searches the at least one information processing apparatus for the original file.

5. (*Original*) A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the additional information comprises electronic watermark information embedded in the original.

6. (*Original*) A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the additional information comprises barcode information printed on the original.

7. (*Currently Amended*) A method of controlling a copying apparatus, comprising:

an image inputting step of inputting an image signal read from an original;

an additional information reading step of reading additional information from the inputted image signal;

a file path information obtaining step of obtaining file path information from the read additional information, the file path information addressing a location where an original file corresponding to the original is stored;

a searching step of carrying out a search for an the original file corresponding to the original based on the file path information obtained from the read additional information;

a copy outputting step of outputting a copy of the original using the original file found as a result of the search in said searching step;

a displaying step of displaying the file path information obtained from the read additional information for editing the additional information;

an editing step of editing the displayed additional file path information;

a determining step of determining whether said searching step found the original file based on the file path information obtained from the read additional information; and

a controlling step of prompting a user to correct the displayed ~~additional~~ file path information by the editing in said editing step, and controlling said searching step to carry out the search for the original file using the corrected ~~additional~~ file path information when said determining step determines that said searching step did not find the original file based on the file path information obtained from the read additional information,

wherein said controlling step controls said copy output step to output the copy of the original file searched by said search step without displaying the ~~additional~~ file path information ~~for editing~~ in said displaying step when said determining step determines that the original file based on the file path information obtained from the read additional information was found in said search step.

8. (*Currently Amended*) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein it is determined in said controlling step that editing of the file path information obtained from the additional information in said editing step is possible when the original file has not been found as a result of the search in said searching step.

9. (*Currently Amended*) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein it is determined in said controlling step that the search for the original file in said searching step is possible when editing of the file path information obtained from the additional information read from the inputted image signal is completed.

10. (*Original*) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the copying apparatus is connected at least one information processing apparatus via a network or a communication line, and wherein in said searching step the at least one information processing apparatus is searched for the original file.

11. (*Original*) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the additional information comprises electronic watermark information embedded in the original.

12. (*Original*) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the additional information comprises barcode information printed on the original.

13. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable storage device storing a computer program for ~~causing a computer to execute a method of~~ controlling a copying apparatus, the computer program comprising:

an image input module for inputting an image signal read from an original;

an additional information reading module for reading additional information from the inputted image signal;

a file path information obtaining module for obtaining file path information from the read additional information, the file path information addressing a location where an original file corresponding to the original is stored;

a search module for carrying out a search for ~~an~~ the original file corresponding to the original based on the file path information obtained from the read additional information;

a copy output module for outputting a copy of the original using the original file found as a result of the search by said search module;

a display module for displaying the file path information obtained from the read additional information ~~for editing the additional information~~;

an editing module for editing the displayed ~~additional~~ file path information;

a determining module for determining whether said search module found the original file based on the file path information obtained from the read additional information; and

a controlling module for prompting a user to correct the displayed ~~additional~~ file path information by the editing in said editing module, and controlling said search module to carry out the search for the original file using the corrected ~~additional~~ file path information when said determining module determines that said search module did not find the original file based on the file path information obtained from the read additional information,

wherein said controlling module controls said copy output module to output the copy of the original file searched by said search module without displaying the ~~additional~~ file path information ~~for editing~~ by said display module when said determining module determines that the original file based on the file path information obtained from the read additional information was found ~~in~~ by said search module.